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# HOUSE RESOLUTION 2005

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF BRENT WHITING BROWN.

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1 Brent Whiting Brown died on May 24, 2008 in Mesa, Arizona.

2 Born on September 9, 1941 in St. Johns, Arizona to Joseph Albert Brown  
3 and Elda Whiting, Brent Brown was a life-long resident of Arizona and grew up  
4 in a family of ranchers and educators. He was one of the last of a breed of  
5 Mormon ranching Democrats from Northern Arizona. He received a Bachelor's  
6 degree from Brigham Young University, a Master's degree from Arizona State  
7 University and a Doctor of Philosophy in political science from the  
8 University of Illinois.

9 Brent Brown was the driving force behind the creation of the Arizona  
10 State University Center for Public Affairs and served as its founding  
11 director in 1974. He was appointed Vice-President for University Relations  
12 by President J. Russell Nelson in 1985 and continued to serve in that  
13 capacity under President Lattie Coor until 1997. He worked tirelessly to  
14 represent the university's interests at the local, state and federal levels  
15 and was especially adept at securing the funding necessary to fuel the  
16 university's tremendous expansion during his tenure. Dr. Brown was  
17 instrumental in bringing a professional football franchise and the first  
18 Super Bowl to Arizona. He also helped to establish the Hispanic Convocation,  
19 the Los Diablos scholarship fund, the Morrison Institute and the Arizona  
20 State University retiree association.

21 Despite the administrative demands of his position, Brent Brown  
22 cherished his time in the classroom. He taught a Master's program class at  
23 Arizona State University each year from 1972 to 2003, and even taught a class  
24 at the University of Arizona one semester.

25 In addition to his stellar career at Arizona State University, Brent  
26 Brown also served under Governors Raul Castro, Wesley Bolin and Bruce Babbitt  
27 as the executive director of the state agency now known as the Commerce  
28 Department. He completed his career as a policy advisor for rural affairs to  
29 Governor Janet Napolitano.

30 Brent Brown loved the State of Arizona and enjoyed studying and  
31 teaching Arizona politics and history. He worked hard to make Arizona a  
32 better place for all to live and work, but humbly credited others for much of  
33 his success. He will be greatly missed by his wife Marilyn, his six children  
34 and eleven grandchildren, his other surviving family members and his many  
35 friends.

36 Therefore

37 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

38 That the Members of the House of Representatives express their regret  
39 at the passing of Brent Whiting Brown and extend deepest condolences to his  
40 surviving family members.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE JUNE 4, 2008.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 4, 2008.